

AUTONOMY FOR CUBA

EXACTLY WHAT IS NOW PROPOSED

BY SPAIN.

SYSTEM LIKE THAT OF CANADA.

Individuality in All Internal Affairs and Yet Retention of Place as Part of Federal System—Its Own Legislature.

WASHINGTON, October 27.—The Spanish Minister, Senor Dupuy de Lome, consented for the first time to-day to speak concerning the policy of autonomy which the Spanish Government proposes to apply to Cuba. This has been referred to in general terms since the advent of the Sagasta ministry, but there has been lack of authentic details. Before leaving for New York to-day, where the Minister and his family will spend several weeks, Senor Dupuy de Lome gave the evolutions through which autonomy has passed, leading up to the present policy, and a general outline of the policy itself.

Under the provisions of the treaty, concluded in 1878, at the close of the last Cuban disturbance, it was provided that Cuba was to enjoy the same liberties as those accorded to the Island of Puerto Rico. This latter island had the same liberties as those of any province of Spain. This brought the Autonomist party, so-called, into existence. Its essential principle being that of self-government for Cuba, and not treating Cuba as a province of Spain, as was the system in Puerto Rico. That party adopted a platform, and in 1886 offered a complete programme of autonomy for the consideration of the country. A peaceful agitation of this autonomy programme was then inaugurated.

In 1893, for the first time, a Minister in a Liberal Cabinet, Senor Maura, saw the mistake of the system of rule known as "assimilation," which treated Cuba as a Spanish province, and he presented a plan of reform. This was strongly opposed, and after two years of discussion it was found impossible to put the plan through the Cortes. Then a compromise reform measure was framed, which looked to the personality of Cuba as a separate body, but under the Spanish flag.

CANOVAS' IDEA.
These reforms having been considered insufficient, on account of the state of the island, Premier Canovas proceeded to greatly enlarge them, his plan being, however, short of absolute autonomy. Now Mr. Maura, Minister for the Colonies in the new Cabinet, fulfils the promise of the Liberal party when it was in the minority, and proclaims that autonomy as it had always been demanded by the home rule party of the Government, and which was applied to Cuba, the island will have a system on the lines of those of Canada or of the American States, maintaining its individuality in all internal affairs, and yet retaining its place as a part of the Federal system. It will have a Governor-General, who is always the case in the maintenance of a Colonial system, such as that of Australia, New Zealand, or Canada. The island will have its own Legislature, chosen directly by the people, who will enjoy universal suffrage. From the majority in the Legislature the Governor-General will choose his ministry, consisting of a president of the ministry and four ministers—a minister of the interior, a minister of public works, a minister of public instruction, and a minister of finance.

The ministers will represent the Spanish Cortes, as well as the local Legislature. The ministry will be responsible to the Legislature, and subjects before the Legislature will include those of taxation, tariff, public instruction, and all matters regarding the internal administration of the island, in the broadest sense of the term.

GENERAL LEE'S DEPARTURE.

This Political Position—He Is Always a Democrat.

WASHINGTON, D. C., October 27.—(Special.)—A private letter received here states that General Fitzhugh Lee will arrive in this city about the 5th of November, and will probably remain here several days. He will have conferences with the President and Secretary of State, and then, probably, sail for Cuba.

Close friends of General Lee's deny the published statement that he ever wrote a letter while interned at the instance of Secretary Carlisle, at the instance of the gold standard and the Indianapolis platform.

It has always, they say, been the fixed policy of the General not to interfere in politics while in the Federal service, and his assertion. They claim that the General is always a Democrat, and that he has never been a devoted and active supporter of all the Democratic platforms, both State and national, since he has been in political life.

It is understood this evening that the excitement in Spain and Cuba, consequent upon the change of administration in both countries, may render General Lee's departure for Habana earlier than he anticipated, though there is no official intimation at the State Department to this effect.

NEW YORK CENTRAL WRECK.

Dewey's Opinion That It Was Caused by Dynamite.

COLD SPRING, N. Y., October 27.—President Dewey's opinion that the disaster of Monday morning on the New York Central railway was the result of a dynamite explosion, planned by enemies of the corporation, finds many upholders among railway officials and citizens familiar with the conditions.

"If the embankment of the railway was torn up by dynamite, the motive of those who did it was not robbery, but revenge," was the statement made by one official of the road to-day. A rigorous investigation is being made, and at least one man may be arrested to-day.

When the party of twenty-six roadmasters of the New York Central system arrived at the scene early Monday morning, and commenced a critical survey of the section of the embankment which had been either washed or blown out, one of the roadmasters, a man who has had great experience in the use of dynamite, said that the enormous load of stone before it started in its plunge into the muddy bottom of the river. It is known that the engineer had shut off his steam and applied the air-brakes to the train before the crash came, and this condition led the officials to believe that Engineer Foyle saw that something was wrong with the track in time to apply the brakes before he went into the river with his engine. Still, it is believed that he would have instantly applied the brakes the moment he felt his engine sinking.

MARRIED AT MIRADOR

MISS NANNIE LANGHORNE BECOMES THE BRIDE OF MR. SHAW.

A BRILLIANT TABLEAU WEDDING. Only a Small Company of Relatives Present—A Charming Breakfast Served After the Ceremony—Many Elegant Presents—The Bridal Tour.

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On Monday, however, the Duchess became ill, though even then no serious symptoms were observed. But on Tuesday she became worse, and the London specialists, who had previously operated on her, were summoned to Richmond. They held a consultation, and decided last evening that the life of her Royal Highness could not be sustained without another operation. This was successfully performed, but the Duchess gradually sank and died at 3 o'clock this morning. The Duke of Teck is prostrated at the death of his wife.

The Duchess of York was the only member of the family present at the death of the Duchess, as until late last night fatal consequences were not expected. When the condition of her Royal Highness seemed more serious her relatives were hastily summoned, and they have been arriving all the morning.

The Duke and Duchess of York had four children, of whom the eldest, Princess Victoria Mary, is the Duchess of York.

The Duchess of Teck was the daughter of the Duke of Cumberland, seventh son of George III. She was 66 years of age. Her husband, the Duke of Teck, served in the Austrian army, was a captain during the Austro-Italian campaign of 1859, was mentioned in dispatches for gallant conduct, but resigned after the campaign in 1860.

Subsequently he served with the British forces in Egypt in 1882, for which he received the Egyptian medal and the Khedive's star, was mentioned in the dispatches, and was promoted to the rank of colonel, unattached to any regiment, and was appointed to the Royal British Society of London.

An official statement has been issued to the effect that the Duchess of Teck died of cardiac failure, two hours after the operation which was performed upon her.

The funeral will probably take place at Windsor.

FLAHS AT HALF-MAST.
Flags are half-masted over all the public buildings throughout the country to-day, as a mark of sympathy with the royal family in the loss sustained by the death of the Duchess.

The distress of Queen Victoria when she heard the news of the death of the Duchess of Teck was very painful, indeed.

The Prince of Wales was at Newmarket, intending to be present at the race for the Cambridgeshire Stakes to-day, when he was informed of the death of the Duchess of Teck, and he immediately left Newmarket for London.

CLAIM FOR TRACY.
How It Is Ignored Out That He Will Be Elected.

NEW YORK, October 27.—Following a long caucus of Republican district leaders to-day, President Quigg, of the Republican Committee, gave out the following statement:

"The Republican organization has carefully canvassed the vote in every election district of every town in the new city. It has been found that the vote has been canvassed twice, and some have been canvassed three times. Each of these repeated canvasses show that Tracy's strength is growing, and that the vote, which has never been large, is becoming smaller every day. There are only two Assembly districts in New York city in which Mr. Low will have any substantial Republican support. The net effect of Mr. Low's candidacy will be to increase the majority of the Republican party over Van Wyck. Low's vote will be smaller than Van Wyck's in each district. We shall carry New York for Tracy by just about the plurality over Van Wyck which was obtained by Governor Black last year over Porter.

In Brooklyn the situation is similar to the situation in New York, though the proportion of Democrats to Republicans in Low's following will naturally be smaller than it is here. There the proportion will be about half and half. The plurality for Tracy over Van Wyck will be greater in Brooklyn than in New York, and is likely to reach 40,000.

"Low's vote will leave the two great parties, as to comparative strength, in just about their normal condition, but George's vote will reduce Van Wyck's to a negligible quantity. The result will be to give the vote for Tracy a first-rate plus, as to the conditions as they exist, Low might have in Brooklyn as many as 30,000, or to be liberal, 35,000 votes. But his Republican support is falling away from him.

Those who have been misled by the New York Tribune, and the New York Mail and Express into the idea that Low has some chance of election. They are finding out that this idea is preposterous, and that it is being circulated by these newspapers maliciously and dishonestly.

The fact is getting abroad throughout the wards in Brooklyn, where the Low boom has been inflated, with the natural result that the gas is going out of the boom and the boom is collapsing.

"General Low would vote and work for General Tracy and the whole Republican ticket."

THE "WALDORF OF THE SLUMS."
Mills Hotel, New York—Rate, 20c. a Night—Not a Charity.

NEW YORK, October 27.—The new Mills Hotel, which has been designated the "Waldorf of the Slums," located on Bleecker street, this city, was opened this morning. Bishop Henry C. Potter, ex-Mayor Hewitt, and Mr. Mills taking part in the ceremonies. The hotel, which is a nine-story, firebrick building, trimmed with stone, is provided with baths, elevators, electric-light, and steam-heating apparatus. The main corridor, which is as elegant as that of the hotels up town, has a main floor. The rate is 20c. a night, including bath. The hotel is built on the site of Depauw Row, once owned by the late John A. Row, and is being built by the millionaire merchant.

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The bride is a charming little lady, who is not yet out of her teens, but who is both pretty of face and lovely of character, and disposition. She is a sister of Mrs. Charles Dana Gibson, the Richmond belle who two years ago became the wife of the well-known artist. The Langhorne have always been noted for the beauty of their women and the cleverness and hospitality of their men.

Miss James Weds Mr. Black.
Miss Sallie Lea James and Mr. Harry Austin Black were married last night at 9 o'clock in St. John's Episcopal church, to recent herefrom in the family way.

The wedding was a very quiet one, only relatives and intimate friends receiving invitations. What the wedding lacked, however, in gaiety and display it made up in impressiveness and simple elegance.

Miss James, in a handsome gown of white tulle and pearl trimmings, came up the aisle on the arm of her brother, Mr. W. A. James, and was escorted to the altar by her father, Mr. S. M. Donaldson, and Rev. R. A. Goodwin. The ushers were Messrs. W. A. Goodwin, R. A. Talley, L. A. Neale, and A. L. Lumsden.

After the ceremony the newly-wedded couple were surrounded by a crowd of well-wishers, who showered congratulations and compliments upon them. The compliments on both sides were very lovingly received. The bride was a lovely young woman, of graceful and winning manners. Mr. Black is one of the most efficient business men of Richmond, acting as general manager and treasurer of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, and Stuart Draft and Milling Company, and a partner in the firm of H. A. Black & Brothers.

Other Marriages Here Yesterday.
Mr. George K. Bowles, of Goochland county, and Miss Willie A. Coates, of this city, were married at the residence of the bride's father, Mr. S. M. Donaldson, yesterday morning at 9 o'clock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Cutler in the presence of a small company of relatives and intimate friends. After friends Mr. Bowles and his bride left for their home, in Goochland. Mr. Bowles is a successful farmer of Goochland, and his bride is a most estimable lady, with a wide circle of friends.

Mr. Hermann Groot and Mrs. Rosa A. Groot, both of this city, were united in holy wedlock yesterday morning at an early hour at the residence of Rev. J. A. Morehead, pastor of the First English Evangelical church. The bride was a traveling saleswoman of gray, and carried a handsome bouquet of violets. Mr. Groot is a popular young merchant of the West End, engaged for many years in the grocery business. Mr. and Mrs. Groot will reside at 350 North Main street, where they will visit New York and other points North. They were the recipients of many handsome and costly presents.

Mr. Walter Phillips and Miss Irene C. Burfoot were married last night at 9 o'clock at the residence of the bride, No. 110 West Cary street. Rev. Thomas M. Potts, pastor of Park-Place Methodist church, performed the ceremony. The bride is a popular young lady of the West End, and the groom a valued employee of H. W. Rountree & Brother.

A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Charles Perrin, on Buchanan street, last night, when Mr. John Lemay, a young lady of the East End, and Miss Lemay, a popular actress of the Richmond stage, were united in holy wedlock. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Joseph T. Kelly, of the Fourth Presbyterian church.

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The association, in its membership, is not limited to the cotton manufacturers of New England, but embraces those in other parts of the country.

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